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Subject: Frustration with Microsoft

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a staunch Republican, a 28 year-old US Citizen and CEO of a prominent mid-sized European IT-services company. I have no business ties in any way to Microsoft nor is Microsoft a competitor of mine or my Company. I have been living in Europe for 8 years, but follow US events and politics very closely and I am very proud of our President, George W. Bush! I am likewise exceptionally pleased with all of the cabinet picks and those that President Bush have chosen to help him run the Government. However, despite all of this I am appalled by the proposed Settlement Agreement between the US Justice Department and Microsoft!!

Microsoft is a very good company in the way that it sells, markets, and builds a business. Mr. Gates is a business-man's role model; however, his company has broken the Law and US Courts have agreed, but it appears that this is not the prominent concern of our Justice Department that otherwise acted in a fair and evenly-handed way in the almost first year of this Administration. I am dismayed and flabbergasted that the Justice Department has decided to take the preverbal quick road to ending the Court Actions against Microsoft through such a powerfully unfair Settlement.

Not only is this highway robbery against users around the world and a slap against fair business practices, but it is also an embarrassment to fair Administration. How will the US Justice Department look when other Court Actions do what this Antitrust Trial could have and should do?! I'll tell you how the Justice Department will look: squeamish and weak. Not to mention one who does not defend the rights of Computer Users everywhere.

Microsoft has broken the law, it has been proved in a US Court of Law, it has and continues to affect users in an adverse way, and should this Settlement between The US Justice Department and Microsoft be the last word on behalf of the Justice Department in this Anti-Trust Case, the US Government will join Microsoft in robbing users around the world!

I request that you respectfully consider this experienced opinion and upon request would be pleased to offer additional information for the cause of fairness!

Best Regards,

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